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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Assistant Commissioner,

This is a request to claim priority of a pending non-provisional patent application, to the filing date of May 18, 1993, on the basis that it is a Continuation-In-Progress of an issued US patent filed on that date. That previous patent (#6,101,490) was issued August 8, 2000.

The first patent is titled: "Computer system program for creating new ideas and solving problems." The first sentence of its abstract specifies a computer system that "can receive English language sentences" describing problems that it can then solve. The CIP patent application is titled: "Computers that communicate in the English language and complete work assignments by reading English language sentences." I mention this to underscore the common subject matter of the two documents. Both pertain to using a computer system to process English language sentences to solve problems.

The application number of the pending non-provisional patent to which I refer is 09/917,146. It was filed July 27, 2001 – less than one year from the filing date of the associated provisional patent application # 60/221,881 with the same name. The filing date for that provisional patent was July 29, 2000, which preceded the actual issue date of the patent filed in 1993.

Most respectfully,

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Attachment: Patent application filing timeline

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